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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION - NEXT STEPS

REF: NEW DELHI 15270

1. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES WHERE WE ARE ON JOINT COMMISSION AND STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT SIGNED OCTOBER 28.

2. MEMBERSHIP - ON U.S. SIDE, WE HAVE CHOSEN AND ANNOUNCED MEMBERSHIP OF CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL SUBCOMMISSION. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE NOVEMBER 4. STATE 236712 CONTAINS NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. WE EXPECT TO REACH FINAL DECISION ON U.S. MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN ALREADY SELECTED AND GOI INFORMED. AS EMBASSY AWARE, TREASURY, STR, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE MAY BE REPRESENTED ON ECONOMICS/TRADE GROUP. FOR SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY GROUP WE THINKING OF STATE AND POSSIBLY NSF AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STANDING MEMBERS. BASED ON AGENDA PROPOSED BY INDIAN

SCIATT WE BELIEVE IT LOGICAL THAT FOR FIRST MEETING INTERIOR AGRICULTURE, NSF, HEW AND BUREAU OF STANDARDS WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE. IN ADDITION WE WISH TO DEVISE MEANS TO INSURE INVOLVEMENT WITH U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR, PERHAPS VIA NAS. INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY TOLD US HERE NOVEMBER 11 INDIANS WOULD BE NAMING THEIR SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. THIS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT TEJA HAS TOLD YOU AND REPORTED IN REFTEL.

3. REFTEL RECOMMENDS U.S. AMBASSADOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS WITH STATUS OF MEMBER. FOR PRESENT WE PLANNING THAT FORMAL MEMBERSHIP IN JOINT COMMISSION BE LIMITED TO SECRETARY AND INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH OTHERS ATTENDING AS NECESSARY BUT WITHOUT BEING DESIGNATED FORMALLY AS MEMBERS.

4. DATES OF MEETINGS - WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO INDIAN EMBASSY HERE THAT CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL SUBCOMMISSION MEET IN NEW DELHI 29-31 JANUARY. JANUARY 15-16 ONLY TIME ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS CAN COME TO DELHI FOR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION (HE IS IN TOKYO FOR MEETING JANUARY 13 AND WOULD FLY FROM THERE TO DELHI) AND YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THESE DATES TO THE INDIANS.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUBCOMMISSION MEET IN WASHINGTON, JANUARY 21-23. DATE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AFFECTED BY NOMINATION NEW OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAY BUT SUBJECT TO THIS CONDITION, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THESE DATES TO THE GOI.

6. IF WE STICK TO JANUARY TIMETABLE ALL INITIAL SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD IN AMPLE TIME TO ALLOW FULL COMMISSION TO MEET IN WASHINGTON, SHOULD DECISION BE MADE TO DO SO, BEFORE PARLIAMENT CONVENES IN LATE MARCH.

7. AGENDAS - YOU ALREADY HAVE OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON AGENDAS WHICH REFLECT INPUTS FROM INDIANS HERE. WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON AGENDA IDEAS YOU ARE PREPARING BY NOVEMBER 21. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO UNDERTAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NECESSARY INTER-AGENCY REVIEW AND PROVIDE MARCHING ORDERS BY NOVEMBER 28 FOR YOU TO DEVELOP AGREED AGENDA WITH GOI ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS HOPEFULLY NOT LATER THAN DEC. 9.

8. YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND SOME OF MEMBERSHIP ARE PRIVATE CITIZENS AND WILL HAVE OWN VIEWS ON AGENDA. GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO HAVE PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING IN

WASHINGTON IN EARLY JANUARY. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN AND OTHERS AND ACCORDINGLY WILL PROVIDE TWO-WAY CHANNEL FOR THEIR, YOUR, INDIANS' AND OUR OWN IDEAS WITH VIEW TO SEEKING FINAL CONSENSUS OR AGENDA, ET-AL. NONETHELESS YOU SHOULD PROCEED ON FORMULATION AGENDA THIS SUBCOMMISSION AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE - UNDER PROVISIONS OF PL 463 (ADVISORY COMMISSION ACT), CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION REQUIRES FORMAL, WRITTEN TERMS OF REFERENCE. U.S. SIDE HAS PROPOSED TEXT (BASED ON STATE 230044 AS REVISED BY NEW DELHI 14191) TO INDIAN EMBASSY HERE. FOR OTHER TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS WE BELIEVE BASIC AGREEMENT PROVIDES ADEQUATE BASIS FOR OPERATIONS AND DO NOT SEE NEED FOR FURTHER WRITTEN TERMS OF REFERENCE.

10. MUCH APPRECIATE HELPFUL STATUS REPORT PROVIDED IN REFTEL. KISSINGER

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